

NOV 18 2003

OFFICIAL

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 1647

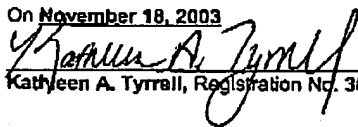
## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Attorney Docket No.: UT-0003  
Inventors: Rao et al.  
Serial No.: 09/073,881  
Filing Date: May 6, 1998  
Examiner: Hayes, Robert Clinton  
Group Art Unit: 1647  
Title: Common Neural Precursor Progenitor For  
the CNS and PNS

## Certificate of Facsimile Transmission

I hereby certify that this document is being facsimile  
transmitted to the Patent and Trademark Office on  
the date shown below.

On November 18, 2003

  
Kathleen A. Tyrrell, Registration No. 38,350

Mail Stop AF  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

This is a reply to the Final Rejection mailed August 18, 2003  
setting a three (3) month statutory period for response. Please  
enter the following amendments and remarks into the record.

Remarks begin on page 2.